

Sam. May Jr  
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Boston, June 4, 1848.

My dear Sir,

I am sorry that I did not know that Father was writing to you yesterday - as I could have sent this at same time. Our postage is not yet as cheap as it ought to be.

The N. England Convention voted that One Hundred Conventions should be held in Massachusetts, the Sayres Case to be thoroughly presented & argued. They are to be commenced immediately. The Comtee on these Conventions have instructed me to write to you, and see if you can obtain a furlough for 2 or 3 months, or even one, and aid us in this work.

I need not set before you the importance of the case, nor the <sup>& acceptability of</sup> value of the help you could give us, nor the pleasure you might derive from this visit to Massachusetts. All these you will consider for yourself.

Will you therefore write me as soon as you can and say

1. Whether you can aid us? If so, how soon? And what part of the State you would prefer to work in?
2. What Compensation, in addition to your travelling expenses here & back, & while here, you would expect?

The Conventions will begin probably by 17<sup>th</sup> of June.

I need not say how much pleasure it would give me if you could accept this call. - My love to all yours.

Affectionately, Yours

Sam<sup>r</sup> May Jr. - for the Committee

P.S. Dr. Lowell brought up the question of Slavery (!!)  
in the Convention of Cong. Ministers !! What next?  
I am told he demanded action of them, and made a  
most eloquent speech! Blyden was for patronage,  
Nehemiah Adams wanted a packed Comtee. But they  
chose a pretty fair Comtee, I believe, - Dr. L., Chairman,  
4 orthodox men (Hitchcock of Randolph, one) & 4 Unitarians  
(Briggs of Plymouth & Thompson of Salem among them)  
This Comtee is to report next year, I believe.

— F. W. Holland is re-elected Sec. A. N. A. - I don't  
know how the vote stood, (I confined myself this  
year wholly to the antislavery Meetings.) I hear  
that he receives <sup>(at his own suggestion)</sup> but \$1000. for his services,  
instead of \$1800. or \$2000. as it was intended to be given.  
This will doubtless go far in reconciling many to him.  
— I hear that he preaches very acceptably. You will  
have a call from him, doubtless, about these times, as he  
has gone on to Rochester to help ordain a man. I have told  
a few of the "boarding-house keeper & shelf candidate." —

How suddenly you left us at N. York! What became of you?  
You did not appear in our meetings on Thursday, I believe,  
and I could not hear what became of you.